



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



October 1997

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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TEXAS, West

Martin County

10 NNW Lenorah	04	2010CST 2200CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Heavy rains from training storms caused flash flooding along State Highway 137 in northern Martin county.

Ector County

Pleasant Farms	06	1800CST 1900CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Heavy rains from several slowly moving thunderstorms caused minor flooding on U.S. Highway 385 in southern Ector County

Loving County

Mentone	07	1520CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (57)
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Downbursting winds knocked down two utility poles in Mentone

Pecos County

3 SSW Coyanosa	07 08	2330CST 0200CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Heavy rains in the Coyanosa Draw watershed evolved into a raging torrent of water in the draw which flows north into the Pecos River. A man in an 18-wheel truck narrowly escape with his life when his truck was overturned by the flood waters. The truck was attempting to cross the running draw on a dirt road west of FM 1776 when the strong flow lifted and overturned the vehicle. The truck rested on its side in the flooding waters. The truck was carrying forklifts to an oil rig and was on the wrong road. Due to the rural nature of the area and late time the man was not noticed for quite some time.

By the time rescue personnel arrived, they saw the man standing in knee-deep water, but then realized that he was standing on the side of his overturned cab. The flood waters were estimated at ten feet deep. The County Sheriff who rescued the man said that the flow was so wide that the rescue was very difficult, and the roar of the water was so loud that they could not communicate with the man verbally. By the time the man was rescued he had been trapped in the flood waters for 2 1/2 hours. EMS personnel said the man was in good health (just very cold), and he was not transported to the hospital.

WSR-88D archive showed that most of the rain had fallen earlier and that when the accident happened the rain had been out of the area for over an hour. 88D rainfall estimates were as high as 7.1 inches upstream of the accident.

Ector County

4 N Odessa	09	1455CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind
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A wet microburst blew shingles from some houses and blew over 3 tennis court light poles.

Ector County

3 NE Odessa	09	1532CST			0	0	20K		Thunderstorm Wind
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A wet microburst knocked down 14 utility poles along east Loop 338 in northeast Odessa

Culberson County

Lobo	22	1755CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
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One inch hail was reported along U.S. Highway 90 in the Lobo community. The storm was a severe single cell that formed when upslope southeasterly winds blew into the Van Horn Mountains west of Lobo. Dew point temperatures were near 50 degrees.